

# **A NEGATIVE CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY REPORT FOR THE VISTA VALLEY POOL CENTER**

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**PDS2014-MUP-14-021; PDS2014-VAC-14-002; PDS2014-ER-14-08008**

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**Signature**

**Project Proponent:**

**Mr. Steve Lane  
29354 Vista Valley Drive  
Vista, California 92084**

***April 2, 2014; Revised July 22, 2014***

## **National Archaeological Database Information**

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***Report Title:*** A Negative Cultural Resources Survey Report for the Vista  
Valley Pool Center Project, San Diego County, California  
(PDS2014-MUP-14-021; PDS2014-VAC-14-002; PDS2014-ER-  
14-08008)

***Type of Study:*** Phase I Intensive Pedestrian Survey

***New Sites:*** No sites identified

***Updated Sites:*** No sites updated

***USGS Quadrangles:*** *San Marcos and Bonsall, California (7.5 minute)*

***Acreage:*** 8.7 acres

***Key Words:*** USGS *San Marcos* and *Bonsall* quadrangles (7.5 minute);  
archaeological survey; negative; no significant effects;  
monitoring recommended.

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RE: Cultural Resources Negative Findings for the Vista Valley Pool Center Project, San Diego County, California (PDS2014-MUP-14-021; PDS2014-VAC-14-002; PDS2014-ER-14-08008)

Please be advised that a survey has been conducted for the above-referenced project. It has been determined that there are no cultural resources present on this property. The project has been plotted on the attached USGS 7.5-minute topographical map for your information.

**County:** San Diego

**USGS 7.5' Quadrangles:** *San Marcos and Bonsall*

**Date:** Digital (No Date)

**Section:** 4

**Township:** 11 South

**Range:** 3 West

**Other Locational Data:** The edge of the project area can be found immediately east of the intersection of Vista Valley Drive and Hoxie Ranch Road in the city of Vista, California.

**Assessor's Parcel Number (APN):** APN 170-271-24 (8.7 acres)

**UTM:** 481878.26 mE/3678917.45 mN (taken from the northwest corner of the project using a Trimble Nomad GPS unit)

**Elevation:** 480 Feet

**Owner and Address:** Mr. Steve Lane, 29354 Vista Valley Drive, Vista, California 92084

**Survey Type:** Phase I Intensive Pedestrian Survey

**Date of Survey:** March 5, 2014

**Field Crew:** Principal Investigator Brian F. Smith and field technicians Anthony Cortez and Charles Callahan conducted the pedestrian survey. Luiseño Native American monitor P.J. Stoneburner of Saving Sacred Sites was present for the cultural resources survey of the parcel.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Brian F. Smith and Associates, Inc. (BFSA) conducted an archaeological assessment for the Vista Valley Pool Center Project to assess the potential for cultural resources within the Area of Potential Effect (APE). Mr. Steve Lane is currently processing a Major Use Permit (MUP) for APN 170-271-24 in San Diego County, California. The area proposed for development consists of the construction of two buildings (5,926 square feet), five covered patios (3,485 feet), one main pool, a children's wading pool, parking for 37 cars, five golf carts, grading, landscaping, and signage. Earthwork will consist of 7,625 cubic yards of material. Portions of the property are currently developed with two storage structures identified for removal.

## **RESULTS OF THE INSTITUTIONAL RECORDS SEARCHES AND RESEARCH**

BFSA reviewed an archaeological records search for a one-mile radius around the project area (Attachment B) that was conducted by the South Coastal Information Center (SCIC) at San Diego State University (SDSU). The SCIC reported that no previously recorded archaeological sites are known within the project boundaries. However, 14 cultural resource locations have been recorded within a one-mile radius of the project area (Table 1). These sites include five prehistoric artifact scatters, five bedrock milling feature sites with artifact scatters, one prehistoric bedrock milling feature site, one historic structure with associated foundations, one historic concrete basin, and one historic brow ditch. The majority of these sites are related to prehistoric milling behavior and are oriented north of the project APE on the north side of Gopher Canyon Road. However, two sites, SDI-5423 and SDI-5424, are less than 1,000 feet south of the project APE. No historic addresses have been recorded within one mile of the project APE. The majority of these addresses cluster to the south/southeast of the project APE. In total, 32 cultural resource studies have been conducted within a one-mile radius of the project area. Two of these studies (Eckhardt 1978; Duke 2003) crossed portions of the current APE, but did not identify any cultural resources within the current APE. The SCIC reviewed the following historic sources:

- The National Register of Historic Places Index
- The Office of Historic Preservation, Archaeological Determinations of Eligibility
- The Office of Historic Preservation, Directory of Properties in the Historic Property Data File
- The 1:24,000 USGS *Bonsall* (1948) and *San Marcos* (1948) topographic maps
- San Diego County 1872 Map

These sources did not indicate the presence of cultural resources within or immediately adjacent to the project.

**Table 1**  
Archaeological Sites Located Within One Mile  
of the Vista Valley Pool Center Project

Site(s)	Description
SDI-5423, SDI-5424, SDI-11,002, SDI-11,289, and SDI-11,290	Prehistoric Artifact Scatter
SDI-5425, SDI-11,291, SDI-11,292, SDI-11,293, and SDI-17,787	Prehistoric Bedrock Milling Feature (With artifact scatter)
SDI-17,788	Prehistoric Bedrock Milling Feature
SDI-20,171, P-37-031771, and P-37-031772	Historic Structure/Foundations/Features

The records search and literature review suggest that there is a potential for both historic and prehistoric sites to be contained within the boundaries of the property. Given the historic settlement of the region, in addition to the sites known to be surrounding the project APE, there is a potential for archaeological discoveries. The largest number of sites indicated by the records search and background research suggests that sites relating to prehistoric milling or limited resource extraction sites (artifact scatters) should be the primary site type within the property. Based upon the quantity and proximity of sites surrounding the APE, there is still potential for the presence of these site types.

BFSA also requested a records search of the Sacred Lands File of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) (Attachment C). The Sacred Lands File search failed to identify Native American Traditional Cultural Places (TCPs) within one mile of the project APE, but did identify that Native American cultural resources are in close proximity to the APE. The NAHC provided a list of Native American Tribes with the contact information for Native American individuals and organizations that may have knowledge of cultural resources in or near the proposed project area. BFSA has contacted the individuals provided on the list and to date a response has not been received. However, for records searches and background research, the absence of positive results does not necessarily indicate the absence of cultural resources. Per County of San Diego requirements, an archaeological survey was conducted for the project area.

## **RESULTS OF THE FIELD SURVEY**

The archaeological survey took place on March 5, 2014. The intensive pedestrian survey was directed and conducted by Principal Investigator Brian F. Smith with assistance from field technicians Anthony Cortez and Charles Callahan. Luiseño Native American monitor P.J. Stoneburner of Saving Sacred Sites was present for the cultural resources survey of the parcel.

The entire project area was accessible for the survey. The archaeological survey of the property was an intensive reconnaissance consisting of a series of parallel survey transects spaced at approximately five-meter intervals from north to south across the property, as appropriate. The entire property was accessible with ground surface visibility ranging from 65 to 100 percent with minor vegetation obscuring ground visibility in some areas. In general, the area has been partially disturbed by the construction of dirt roads, general weed abatement activity, and minor development in the south central and northwestern portions of the parcel. The property is bounded by paved roads to the west and steep slopes to the east. The property may be characterized as relatively flat to the west with undulating slopes to the east.

The pedestrian survey indicated that the majority of the project area has remained relatively undisturbed with the exception of the pre-existing paved roads and structures near the central portion of the property. This characterization of the property as minimally disturbed is relevant to the consideration of cultural resources on the property. For the current APE, if surface deposits of cultural resources were present, they would have been readily observable within the APE. Photographs were taken to document project conditions at the time of the survey. The survey did not result in the identification of any new historic or prehistoric cultural resources within the project APE.

The Phase I archaeological assessment for the Vista Valley Pool Center Project was negative for the presence of previously recorded cultural resources. In addition, no cultural resources were identified as a result of the current study. The background research indicates that prehistoric and historic resources are frequent in the surrounding area of the APE. Based upon the high frequency of prehistoric archaeological sites surrounding the APE, it is recommended that the project be allowed to proceed with archaeological monitoring made as a condition of approval based upon the potential for undiscovered/buried resources. No TCPs were identified within the project APE or in the surrounding area. As such, implementation of the project would not have an impact on cultural resources.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

Attachment A – Figures

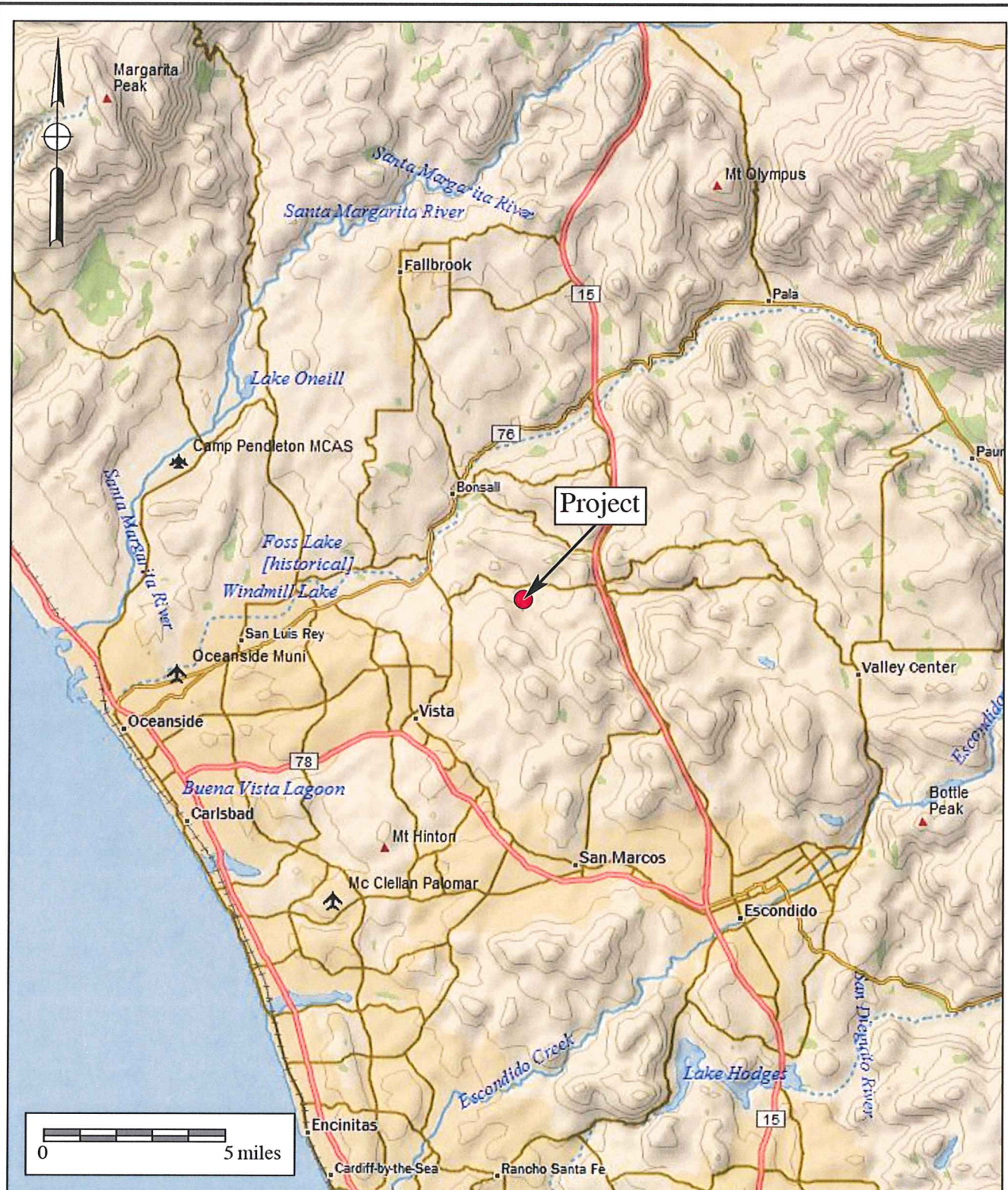
Attachment B – Archaeological Records Search Results

Attachment C – NAHC Sacred Lands File Search Results

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Figures**





**Figure 1**

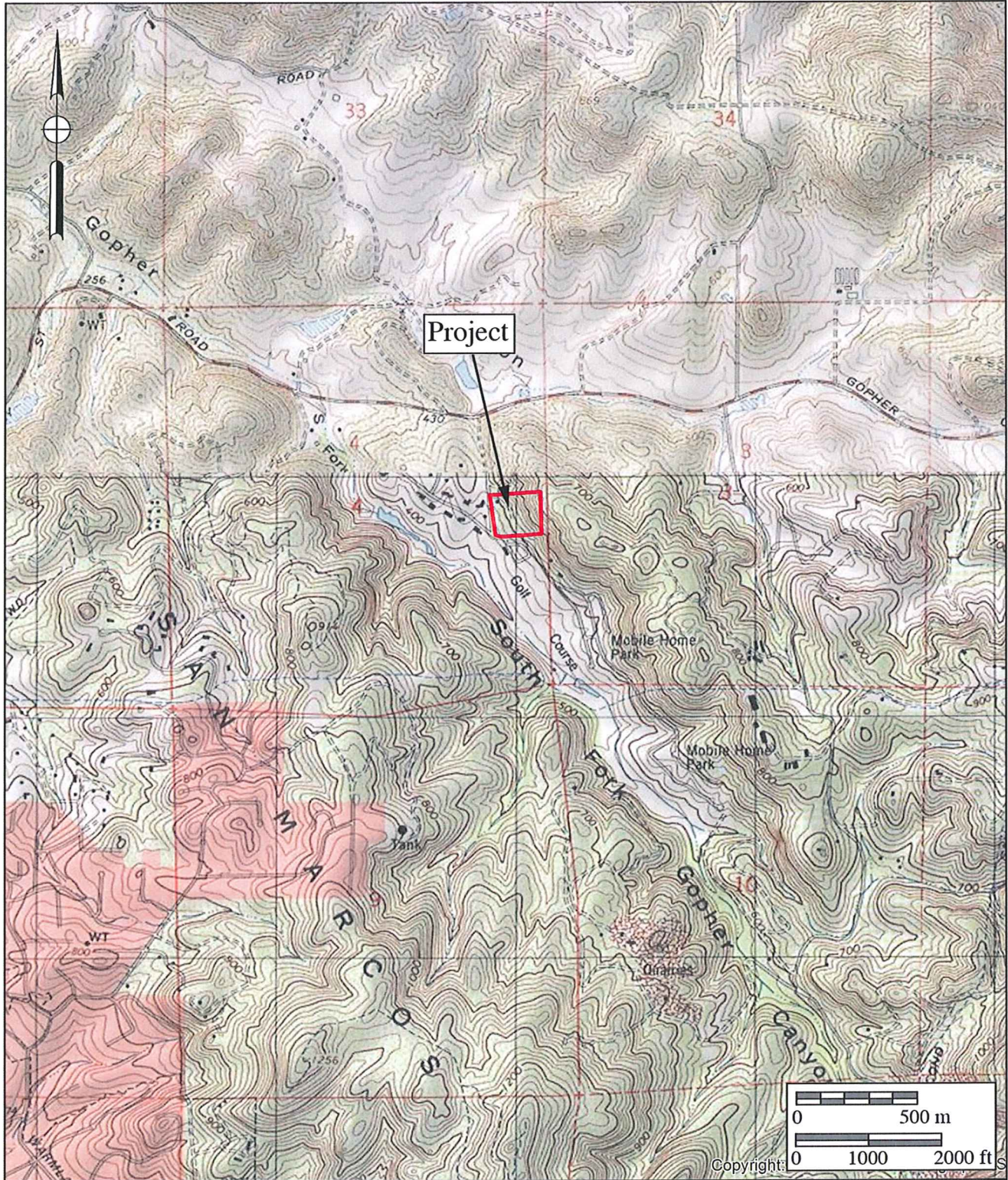
**General Location Map**

The Vista Valley Pool Center Project

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**Figure 2**

**Project Location Map**

The Vista Valley Pool Center Project

USGS San Marcos and Bonsall Quadrangles (7.5-minute series)





**ATTACHMENT B**

**Archaeological Records Search Results**



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## CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL RESOURCES INFORMATION SYSTEM RECORDS SEARCH

**Company:** Brian F. Smith & Associates Inc

**Company Representative:** Tracy Stropes

**Date Processed:** 2/18/2014

**Project Identification:** Vista Valley Pool Ceeter

**Search Radius:** 1 mile

### Historical Resources:

NJD

Trinomial and Primary site maps have been reviewed. All sites within the project boundaries and the specified radius of the project area have been plotted. Copies of the site record forms have been included for all recorded sites.

### Previous Survey Report Boundaries:

NJD

Project boundary maps have been reviewed. National Archaeological Database (NADB) citations for reports within the project boundaries and within the specified radius of the project area have been included.

### Historic Addresses:

NJD

A map and database of historic properties (formerly Geofinder) has been included.

### Historic Maps:

NJD

The historic maps on file at the South Coastal Information Center have been reviewed, and copies have been included.

### Summary of SHRC Approved CHRIS IC Records Search Elements

<b>RSID:</b>	750
<b>RUSH:</b>	no
<b>Hours:</b>	1
<b>Spatial Features:</b>	47
<b>Address-Mapped Shapes:</b>	no
<b>Digital Database Records:</b>	0
<b>Quads:</b>	1
<b>Aerial Photos:</b>	0
<b>PDFs:</b>	Yes
<b>PDF Pages:</b>	92

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**ATTACHMENT C**

**NAHC Sacred Lands File Search Results**



Brian F. Smith and Associates, Inc.

*Archaeology / Biology / History / Paleontology / Air Quality / Traffic / Acoustics*

January 28, 2014

For: Mr. Dave Singleton, Program Analyst  
Native American Heritage Commission  
915 Capitol Mall, Room 364  
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From: Tracy A Stropes, M.A., RPA  
Brian F. Smith and Associates  
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Re: Request for a Sacred Lands File records search for the Vista Valley Pool Center Project, San Diego County, California.

I am writing to request a record search of the Sacred Lands File and a list of appropriate Native American contacts for the Vista Valley Pool Center Project. The location of this project is within the County of San Diego, California. The project area can be found at the intersection of Vista Valley Road and Hoxie Ranch Road in Vista, California. The project location is in Section 4 of the USGS 7.5 minute *San Marcos*, California topographic map, Townships 11 south, Range 3 west. A copy of the project map, with the project area depicted thereon, has been included for your records.

Sincerely,

Tracy A. Stropes, M.A., RPA  
Senior Project Archaeologist  
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Attachments:

USGS 7.5 *San Marcos*, California topographic maps with project area delineated.

**Sacred Lands File & Native American Contacts List Request**  
**NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION**  
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(916) 657-5390 – Fax  
nahc@pacbell.net

*Information Below is Required for a Sacred Lands File Search*

Project: The Vista Valley Pool Center Project

County: San Diego

USGS Quadrangle Name: *San Marcos*

Township: 11S Range: 3W projected

Company/Firm/Agency: Brian F. Smith & Associates

Contact Person: Tracy A. Stropes, RPA

Street Address: 14010 Poway Road, Suite A

City: Poway Zip: 92064

Phone: 858-484-0915

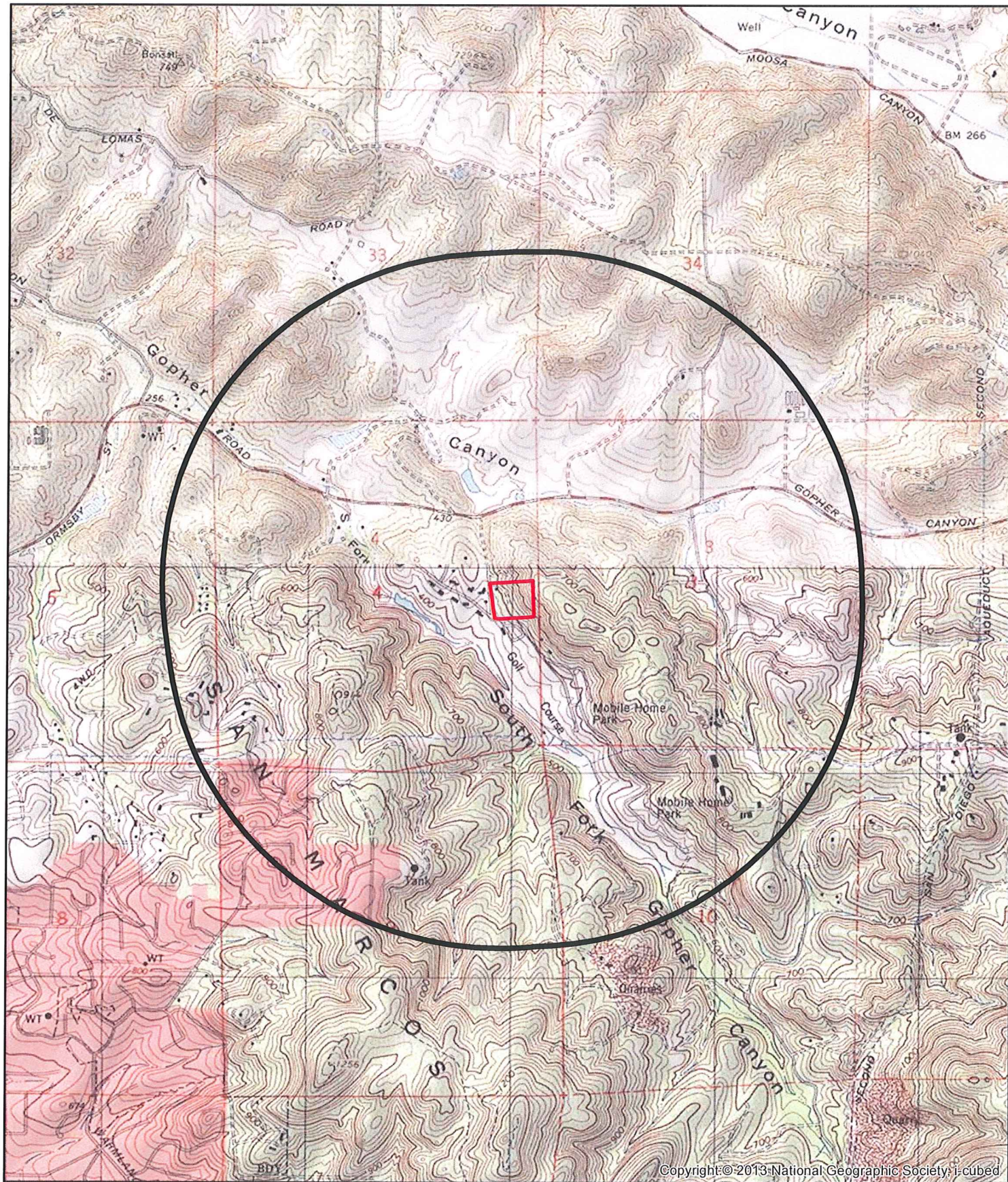
Fax: 858-679-9896

Email: [tstropes@bfsa-ca.com](mailto:tstropes@bfsa-ca.com)

Project Description:

The project is for Phase I archaeological survey. The location of this project is within the County of San Diego, California. The project area can be found at the intersection of Vista Valley Road and Hoxie Ranch Road in Vista, California. The project location is in Section 4 of the USGS 7.5 minute *San Marcos*, California topographic map, Townships 11 south, Range 3 west. A copy of the project map, with the project area depicted thereon, has been included for your records.





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Record Search Location Map  
The Vista Valley Pool Center Project  
USGS Bonall and San Marcos 7.5-minute Quadrangles

January 2014

### Legend

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July 17, 2014

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No. of Pages: 3

RE: Sacred Lands File Search and Native American Contacts list for the **"Vista Valley Pool Center Project;"** located in the City of Vista; San Diego County, California

Dear Mr. Stropes:

A record search of the NAHC Sacred Lands Inventory failed to indicate the presence of Native American traditional sites/places of the Project site(s) or 'areas of Potential effect' (APEs), submitted to this office. However, local tribes consider this area very culturally sensitive. Note also that the absence of archaeological features, Native American cultural resources does not preclude their existence at the subsurface level.

In the 1985 Appellate Court decision (170 Cal App 3<sup>rd</sup> 604), the Court held that the NAHC has jurisdiction and special expertise, as a state agency, over affected Native American resources impacted by proposed projects, including archaeological places of religious significance to Native Americans, and to Native American burial sites.

When the project becomes public, please inform the Native American contacts as to the nature of the project (e.g. residential, renewable energy, infrastructure or other appropriate type). Attached is a list of Native American tribes, Native American individuals or organizations that may have knowledge of cultural resources in or near the proposed project area (APE). As part of the consultation process, the NAHC recommends that local government and project developers contact the tribal governments and Native American individuals on the list in order to determine if the proposed action might impact any cultural places or sacred sites. If a response from those listed on the attachment is not received in two weeks of notification, the NAHC recommends that a follow-up telephone call be made to ensure the project information has been received.

California Government Code Sections 65040.12(e) defines 'environmental justice' to provide "fair treatment of people...with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies." Also,

**Native American Contacts  
San Diego County  
July 17, 2014**

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**This list is current only as of the date of this document.**

**Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of the statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Code and Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code.**

**This list is only applicable for contacting locative Americans with regard to cultural resources for the proposed Vista Valley Pool Center Project; located in the City of Vista; North County; San Diego County, California for which a Sacred Lands File search and Native American Contacts list were requested.**



July 18, 2014

Shasta Gaughen  
Historic Preservation Office  
Pala Band of Mission Indians  
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Pala, California 92059

Subject: Information regarding Native American cultural resources on or near the Vista Valley Pool Center Project, Vista, San Diego County, California

Dear Ms. Gaughen:

This inquiry is requesting information you may have regarding the existence of Native American cultural resources on or near the Vista Valley Pool Center Project. The information you provide will be used to assess areas of potential adverse impact within the proposed project's Area of Potential Effect (APE). Any information you might provide will be kept confidential and will not be divulged to the public.

The project is within the city of Vista, San Diego County, California at the intersection of Vista Valley Road and Hoxie Road. Specifically, this project is located in Section 4 of the USGS 7.5-minute *San Marcos* and *Bonsall, California* topographic quadrangles (Township 11 South, Range 3 West). Please find enclosed sections of the USGS *San Marcos* and *Bonsall* quadrangle maps on which the project is delineated.

Although according to the Sacred Lands File no *known* resources are present within the Vista Valley Pool Center Project property, the Native American Heritage Commission requested that we consult with you directly regarding the potential for the presence of Native American cultural resources that may be impacted by this project. If you do have information to provide regarding any resources on or near the project, please contact Brian Smith or myself at (858) 484-0915, or contact the County of San Diego directly. We would like to extend our thanks for your response regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

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Attachment:

USGS 7.5-minute *San Marcos* and *Bonsall, California* topographic maps with project area delineated